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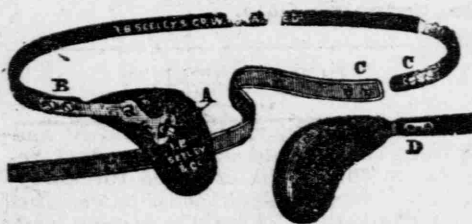
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## IN THE GAY WORLD.

The Yonkerites Have Their Smiles and Sorrows—News Among the Churches and Literaries.

Yonkers, N. Y., Special.—Children's day was observed at the Messiah Baptist Church June 21, with singing and speaking. In the evening the pastor preached an interesting sermon to the Palisade Fountain of True Reformers, the church being crowded at both services.

The A. M. E. Zion literary met in the lecture room last Monday evening and made arrangements to hold a bazaar some time in the near future. The proceeds of this entertainment is to beautify the lecture room.

The wedding of Miss Cora Johns and Mr. Thomas Harris was quietly though impressively solemnized at the Messiah Baptist Church June 23d, Rev. H. H. Booker and Rev. J. T. Gaskill officiating.

One of the finest musical and literary entertainments of the season was held at the Messiah Baptist Church Wednesday, June 24th. The house was crowded to the doors. This entertainment was under the management of Mr. J. R. Green.

The Household of Ruth, G. W. O. O. F., held a very successful "pond apple" party at Wiggins Hall, Thursday evening, June 25th.

Dr. and Mrs. Morgan, also Mrs. Daily, of New York City, were entertained at tea at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams, of 267 New Main street last Monday evening. After tea the party attended the June musical at the Messiah Baptist Church.

Master Harry Winfield Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard, graduated with high honors from the John M. Mason School, No. 6, Thursday, June 25th. He was presented with a beautiful gold class pin and flowers from his many admiring friends.

Mrs. J. T. Gaskill, wife of Rev. J. T. Gaskill, is quite ill at her residence. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Richard Webb, son of Mr. Jerry Webb, was a successful graduate from the Bordentown Industrial School.

Mrs. J. H. Adams and Mrs. Albert Bowman have just returned home from Middletown, N. Y., whence they went to attend the wedding of their sister, Miss Mary F. Bowman, to Mr. Levi Hastbrough.

Miss Fannie Dungey, of Staten Island, N. Y., is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Thos. Mason, of Kellinger street.

Miss Essie Burrill, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Howard, of 112 Morningside avenue.

Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey Thompson, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Prime, of Ossining, N. Y., are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, of 261 New Main street.

Mrs. Albert Williams and children will leave this week for Atlantic City, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Laney, and from there to Maryland to spend the rest of the summer with her parents.

The Rosebuds of the Yonkers Fountain, No. 335, presented to Mrs. Thomas Mason, their Senior Mother, a beautiful berry set in appreciation of their love for her and her faithfulness to them, at their last meeting, held at the residence of Mrs. Henry Howard. The presentation speech was made by Master Willie Booker, son of Rev. H. H. Booker.

Mr. William Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Skinner, is still quite ill at the residence of his parents.

Mrs. J. E. Bruce, who has been quite ill at her home, 258 New Main street, for the past three weeks, is able to be out again, much to the delight of her many friends.

BRUCE GRIT, JR.

Three mischievous cart-boys, by driving their horses toward it, made the freak elephant that was used on our streets lately to advertise a local firm, take to the pavement and finally climb a fence.

## THE LATE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

Washington, D. C., July 6, 1903.

Mr. Editor:—It is profoundly humiliating to note the unseemly and utterly extraneous wrangle indulged in at the meeting of the Afro-American Council in Louisville last week as reported by the Associated Press. The reputation and high standing of those who were announced to participate gave promise of some dignified discussion and cogent deliverance on the subject of our race's economic and political status, as well as of some thoughtful suggestions as to its ameliorations.

You are to be complimented for your timely editorial reference to the possibilities of the Council in last week's issue of The Colored American, and had the program so cleverly outlined by you been followed, no doubt the country would have listened with respect, at least to the report of the Council's actions.

But it is a sad fact that too many of our so-called leaders have developed the "cerebral elephantiasis," and like Andrew Johnson, the unlamented, they probably entered the Council chamber each chanting:

Sing, oh my muse, the lofty theme,  
Sing I and Mine and Me!  
We are lofty individuals now,  
Way down in Tennessee.

The conclusion forces itself upon us lookers-on that if the Council ever had race usefulness that quality has departed from it and that it would be merciful to our people were it to quietly adjourn and disappear from sight and sound. The people will not stand for the man who persists in making the gratification of his personal vanity superior to the exigencies of the race.

Yours with great respect,  
SELAH.

## AN ORPHANS' BRASS BAND.

The Jenkins Orphan Big Sensational Concert Company, from Charleston, S. C., is on its way to this city. The children are capturing the people and the entertainment given by them is said to be the finest and most interesting children's concert of this country. They will arrive in Washington, D. C., on the 11th and will give concerts at the Zion Baptist, Virginia Avenue Baptist and Bethlehem Baptist churches on the 13th, 14th and 15th inst. The company is now in Fredericksburg, Va., and will perform there on Friday night. Rev. D. J. Jenkins, the president of the Jenkins Orphanage and Reformatory, is with the children, and their brass band is said to be the finest in the country. The people of Washington should all fall in line and show their highest appreciation in race enterprises by patronizing the entertainment. They are known far and wide on their interest in enterprises of the race, therefore let them go and see the orphans from the Jenkins Orphanage of Charleston, S. C.

## DR. CREDIT'S GREAT WORK.

Word comes from Philadelphia of the splendid work that is being done by Rev. Wm. A. Credit, D. D., pastor of the First African Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Credit was called to the pastorate of this church some six years ago and since that time has added 550 members to the church, making a membership of over 1,400.

More than 120 have been added to the church this year. He has put all of his energy and his life work into this church. Under his administration a new lot 67 by 130 feet has been purchased. It is hoped that a \$75,000 church building will be erected and under roof before the cold weather. In addition to his work in the church, Dr. Credit has done a great deal in the way of lecturing and made many set speeches at public functions, notably, at the B. M. C. in New Haven, Conn., last year.

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